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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As previously reported to your Committee, I have established the Office of Community Information Systems in order to strengthen the DCI's role in the management of ADP in the Intelligence Community. The director of that office now serves as the chief ADP official of the Intelligence Community and is my principal advisor on ADP matters.

Accordingly, when requested by your Committee to study the feasibility of the use of the Executive Agent concept for improving ADP management in the Intelligence Community, I assigned this responsibility to the Director of the Office of Community Information Systems.

I am transmitting to you herewith his report on the subject, which was developed in conjunction with other senior ADP officials throughout the Community. I fully endorse the conclusions contained therein.

The responsibility for broad policy decisions within the Intelligence Community is vested in the Office of the DCI and cannot be delegated to any individual component, no matter how technically competent. The technical implementation of policy decisions, once made and established can be so delegated. It will be through the careful balancing of these often conflicting principles that progress can be made in this area.

May I assure you that I intend to spare no effort to insure that the maximum effective utilization of the ADP resources of the Intelligence Community is achieved.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure